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In re application of:

BURGESS *et al.*

Application No.: 09/186,775

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Sir:

Applicants submit this request for reconsideration in response to the final Office Action dated May 18, 2000 for the above-referenced application, and the Notice of Appeal, mailed November 17, 2000. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks that follow. Applicants submit herewith a request to file a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). A petition to extend the period of response for one month, from January 17, 2001 to February 17, 2001, is enclosed (in triplicate). Also submitted herewith is a signed Declaration of Dr. Neal Gutterson under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 with Exhibits 1 and 2, from related application USSN 09/012,895. Please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

With this amendment, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-18, 20, 21, and 25-37 are pending in the present application and are currently under examination. All pending claims are provided in the attached Appendix. For convenience, the Examiner's rejections are addressed in the order in which they were presented in the May 18, 2000 Office Action.

